

**Minutes**  
**Neighborhood Stabilization Committee**  
**Council Chambers**  
**College Park City Hall**  
**Monday, June 16, 2014**  
**7:00 PM- 8:37 PM**

**Committee Members Present:**

Mayor and Council: Andrew Fellows, P J Brennan, Robert Day, Monroe Dennis, Alan Hew, Fazlul Kabir, Denise Mitchell, Stephanie Stullich, Patrick Wojahn  
Residents: Jackie Pearce Garrett, Bonnie McClellan, Richard Morrison, Christine Nagel  
Students: Todd Waters  
University: Gloria Aparicio-Blackwell, Marsha Guenzler-Stevens, Lt. Levens, Matthew Supple  
Police: Sgt. Chabla  
Landlords: Lisa Miller, Richard Biffel

**Other Meeting Participants:**

University: Emily Adams, Anne Martens, Laura Russell  
Resident: Dave Dorsch  
City Staff: Bill Gardiner, Yvette Allen

**Welcome and Introductions:** Co-Chair Patrick Wojahn welcomed the committee and everyone introduced themselves.

**Approval of April 7, 2014 Minutes:** The minutes of April 7, 2014 were approved with no changes.

**Presentation:** Emily Adams from the University of Maryland Office of Community Engagement introduced OCE's student intern, Laura Russell, who gave a presentation on preliminary findings from their Study of Best Practices in Off-Campus Housing and Quality Of Life Among University of Maryland Peer Institutions. Committee members commented that the study seems very useful and that they looked forward to seeing the report when it becomes available.

**Name of Committee – Survey Results:** The survey of committee members regarding a possible name change for the committee did not result in a clear "winner." Two of the proposed names, "Neighborhood Stabilization and Quality of Life Committee" and "Quality of Life Committee", received equal numbers of votes (seven each). Another option was suggested as a "write-in" and received four write-in votes: "Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee." After some discussion, another vote was taken among the two top vote getters and the write-in name, and on this vote the name "Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee" received the greatest number of votes (13 out of 16). This item will be placed on the next City Council agenda for approval.

**Subcommittee Formation:** Co-Chair Stephanie Stullich stated that the main work of this committee would be done through the subcommittees, which will enable more focused and productive meetings in smaller groups. The subcommittees will work on implementing strategies, as well as developing new strategies, proposing potential metrics for measuring progress, and contributing ideas for community outreach and engagement. Each subcommittee will report back to the full committee at its quarterly meetings. Several people have volunteered to chair some of the subcommittees, but if others are interested in serving in this capacity, there is still an opportunity to volunteer, and some subcommittees may want to have co-chairs. Subcommittee chairs will schedule the first meetings soon.

A motion was made by Mr. Biffel and seconded by Mr. Morrison to change the name of Community Engagement to Public Outreach. All were in favor, the motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Ms. Aparicio-Blackwell to combine Changing Incentives and Culture Change and Housing Diversity. All were in favor, the motion passed. The new subcommittee name is now Community Building and Culture Change.

Subcommittee and chair:

1. Code Enforcement and Public Safety – Chair Denise Mitchell
2. Community Building and Culture Change – Chair Robert Day
3. Expectations and Best Practices for Property Owners – Chair Richard Biffel
4. Home Ownership – Chair Jackie Pearce Garrett
5. Diversity of Student Housing Options – Chair Patrick Wojahn
6. Metrics – Chair Stephanie Stullich
7. Public Outreach – Chair PJ Brennan

**Planning for First Public Forum:** This item is being deferred until the September meeting. However, the Public Outreach subcommittee will work on developing specific ideas and plans for the forum. The full committee will decide in September whether the forum will be held in the fall or deferred to late January or early February 2015.

**Next Steps:**

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the Rent Stabilization Ordinance on June 17. This decision will have no impact on the Neighborhood Stabilization Committee which will continue to serve in the same role.

“Knock and Talks” are planned to be done again this fall, in August and early September.

Meeting concluded at 8:37 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2014.